

Poconos Back in Business; Spring Brings Color and Tourists Too

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Springtime and the tourists have returned to the Poconos, helping erase the ugly scars of flood that spread destruction and death through the area late last summer.

Winter's snow and spring's greens have helped heal wounds of the August disaster, but there is still wreckage around. In the hills, however, flowers are abloom; highways are being restored, tourist facilities refurbished.

The welcome mat's out. Faded curtains still flap at the broken windows of a crushed bungalow, strangely askew as far as neighboring homes are concerned. Debris litters the floor. Here a family lost a home. Setting almost crosswise on its foundation, repair or replace-

ment was either impossible or impractical.

Laurel in Mid-June

You have to move off the main streets and highways to see what destruction was wrought, and how the valiant residents returned to start life anew in comparatively small sections of the town. In Stroudsburg it is estimated 72 lost their lives, one person informed Lancaster Farming, adding that six bodies have not yet been found.

Soon the bloom of the mountain laurel in mid-June will bring beauty back. Already the greenery of the trees stands in stark contrast to red-bannistered bridges erected where water and trash washed away earlier thoroughfares.

The Poconos are proud, and they are beautiful. Rhododendron is rampant, and timer, insignificant blooms abound. Highways in general are in good condition.

Last Weekend Rainy

Last weekend was rainy. Crowds as a result were small. Some in Stroudsburg expressed fears that floods, such as those that reached minor proportions in Connecticut, might return to this beautiful setting. But there were no floods.

Everywhere, farmers are busy. In a 400-mile swing from Lancaster to Reading, Schuylkill Haven to Minersville, Pottsville to Stroudsburg there was activity. Some of the mining towns were dull, but cement plant smokestacks proved busy factories were beneath.

One observation was interesting. In one of the primary mining towns where the coal cook stove has been mandatory in the miners' minds, one family was found finally changing to an electric range in the kitchen. Yet the electric range had been on order several months, and there is still a reluctance to install it, for, as they swear, where can you find more good cooking heat than in local coal.

Temporary Bridges — Stroudsburg



Here a temporary bridge spans one of the rivers through Stroudsburg, Pa., where floods last summer spread devastation. Yet the area is making a remarkable

comeback, and the welcome mat to the Poconos is out. A stone pier from the original bridge remains standing alone. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Homes Still Stacked



Streets have been resurfaced and many homes repaired or replaced in Stroudsburg. But for some, there was no opportunity or no desire to replace wrecked

homes. Here are three cottages tossed together, some entirely askew on their foundations. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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Corn Rows Faint Green
Corn rows are showing faint green. Everywhere there has been delay in cropping from rain. Tobacco beds are still covered, indicating little transplanting has been undertaken. But pastures are green green, and

there's not time enough in the day to get all the work done. Waters flowed somewhat muddy in the Delaware, and greens of many resort golf courses showed patches of bare earth where erosion has constantly washed out replacement plantings of grass.

But when the summer comes, when the summer sun beats down on the city and farm dweller alike, there will be a cool welcome in the Poconos.

Short Course For Poultry Technicians

HARRISBURG — Through arrangements completed today by Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture, the first training course for the licensing of laymen as poultry technicians — provided in new legislation — will be held July 16-21 at the Pennsylvania State University.

He said the new program, made possible when Governor George M. Leader signed enabling legislation as Act 466, will greatly expand the State's poultry health program.

The five and one day short course will be limited to 15 candidates, he added. The Bureau of Animal Industry, State Department of Agriculture, is now distributing application blanks on request to Dr. H. A. Milo, head of the bureau.

Upon satisfactory completion of the course the trainees will be issued licenses to take and

label blood samples from chickens and other fowl to be used in the State pullorum disease testing program, supplementing the work of veterinarians, Secretary Henning explained.

Approximately two million blood samples have been tested annually at the bureau laboratory for poultrymen desiring to keep their flocks free of disease.

The short course will be given in the Department of Veterinary Science, College of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State University, under the direction of Dr. A. L. Bortree, head of the department. A registration fee of \$10 will be charged each trainee. Applications for admission must reach Dr. Milo by July 2.

Elizabethtown Rose Show on Saturday

The Seventh Annual Rose Show of the Elizabethtown Rose Society will be Saturday from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m. in the Educational Room of the First National Bank and Trust Co. on South Market Street in Elizabethtown.

Katie O. Miller, 321 North Market Street, publicity chairman, advises that admission is free and the Show is open to the public.

All contributions must be in by 11 a. m., she adds.

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